

A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS

THE MEANING OF KOINONIA

ACTS 2.42 – 1 JOHN 1.7

- I. *Koinonia* is **f**_____. Acts 2.42
 - A. The one thing the first disciples had in common was not the church, but **C**_____.
 - B. When we are confirmed in our **d**_____ and our beliefs then we will be drawn together in a close and intimate fellowship with each other for the purposes of communion and **p**_____.
- II. *Koinonia* is **c**_____. 1 Cor. 10.16; 2 Cor. 6.14
 - A. Communion means that we are **p**_____ of the blood of Christ.
 - B. Communion is about our being in close **f**_____ with Jesus Christ.
- III. *Koinonia* is **c**_____ as well as distribution. Rom. 15.26-27; 2 Cor. 8.1-5 2 Cor. 9.12-14
 - A. In these references, *koinonia* refers to **s**_____ and benevolence.
 - B. Our generosity to others (our *koinonia*) is proof of our **f**_____ (our *koinonia*) with Christ.
 - C. The ultimate goal of our fellowship, our church, and of our missions participation is the **g**_____ of God.
- IV. *Koinonia* is **c**_____ or sharing. Heb. 13.15-16; Phm. 1.4-7
 - A. Fellowship is not an end, but a **m**_____ to an end.
 - B. Fellowship is Christians responding to the call of God to **p**_____ Christianity.
 - C. As we grow closer and more intimate with Christ, we will be better prepared to put our profession of faith into **p**_____.
- V. *Koinonia* is fellowship. 1 John 1.3-7
 - A. True fellowship is possible only in the presence of sound doctrine and an active **f**_____.
 - B. The purest doctrine is that which concentrates all of its focus on **G**_____.

VI. Concluding Points

- A. **1 John 1.3** says that we experience fellowship – *koinonia* – with the Father as we hear and respond to the message of Christ.
- B. **1 Cor. 1.9** says that we are called into fellowship – *koinonia* – with Christ by a faithful God
- C. **2 Cor. 13.14** says that fellowship – *koinonia* – is completed when we are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- D. **1 John 1.7** says that we have fellowship – *koinonia* – with one another when our lives and our conduct are regulated by the light that God has revealed to us in Jesus Christ.
- E. Conclusion: Fellowship is not an end-product, but a **b**_____.
- F. As we grow in our fellowship with God by our obedience, we will naturally grow in our fellowship with one another.
- G. Fellowship – *koinonia* – is an action word. It is not about being, but about **d**_____. Phil 1.3-6
- H. Fellowship – *koinonia* – is the relationship that is birthed in God's people when they are called by God to salvation and which grows to maturity as God's people become partakers together in the common objective of fulfilling the Great Commission.
- I. Fellowship begins with **s**_____.
- J. It grows and develops through **o**_____.

